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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the English language translation, please replace the title of the application with the following amended title:

Counter ~~Path~~ Track Ball Joint

On page 8 of the English language translation, please replace the first full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

According to a special embodiment it is proposed that a longitudinally extending deepened groove ~~as has~~ been worked into the track base of at least one inner ball track of the inner joint part. Furthermore, it is proposed that a centrally circumferentially extending deepened groove has been worked into the inner face of the ball cage. Furthermore, it is conceivable that, at least in a widened end portion of an inner ball track of the inner joint part, there has been worked in a notch which extends centrally relative to the longitudinal extension of the track. With the help of said measures the extent of ovalisation of the ball cage required for mounting the cage can be reduced in that there is achieved a deeper engagement between the inner edge of the end aperture of the cage and the inner ball track of the inner joint part.

On page 10 of the English language translation, please replace the second full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 7 For the most ~~unfavourable~~ unfavorable assembly condition regarding the assembly of the ball cage and inner joint part:

- a) an axial view of the ovalised ball cage
- b) an axial view of the inner joint part and a longitudinal section through the ball cage in the characteristic assembly stage.

On page 10 and continuing on page 11 of the English language translation, please replace the third full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section through a constant velocity fixed ball joint of the type of a counter track joint; it shows an outer joint part 11, an inner joint part 12, balls 13 and a ball cage 17 in the form of different individual components. In the upper half of the Figure there is shown a pair of tracks consisting of a first outer ball track 15₁ in the outer joint part and a first inner ball track 16₁ in the inner joint part which forms an opening angle which opens towards the right. In the lower half of the Figure it is

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possible to see a pair of tracks consisting of a second outer ball track 15₂ in the outer joint part and a second inner ball track 16₂ in the inner joint part which forms an opening angle which opens towards the left. A joint with this kind of ball track formation is called a counter track joint. The two types of pairs of tracks – if viewed across the circumference – normally alternate with one another, i.e. as a rule, such joints are provided with an even number of balls. The balls 13 are received by cage windows 18 in the ball cage 17 which holds all the balls in such a way that their ~~centres~~ centers are located in a common plane. The inner ball tracks 16 comprise widening end portions 19, 20 which cannot have ball guiding functions. Further details will be explained with reference to the following Figures 2 and 3.

On page 11 of the English language translation, please replace the first full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2 shows the ball cage 17 in the form of a detail which comprises a total number of ten circumferentially distributed cage windows 18. The annular ball cage comprises two end apertures 21, 22 with a diameter d_1 . Between said end apertures, there extends a widened inner face 23 which comes into a ~~centring~~ centering contact with outer faces of the inner joint part. In the inner face 23 there is provided a deepened circumferential groove 24 which extends in portions between the cage windows 18.

On page 11 and continuing on page 12 of the English language translation, please replace the second full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3 shows an inner joint part 2 in the form of a detail comprising first inner ball grooves 16₁ and second inner ball grooves 16₂ which extend in opposite directions relative to one another and which widen in opposite axial directions. The respective widening end portions 19, 20 can also be seen. It can be seen that one of the end faces is provided with a recess 25 which is not related to the subject of the invention and whose purpose it is to permit a securing ring to be inserted into an inner groove 26. Each two adjoining inner ball grooves 16₁, 16₂, together, form a web 27 whose axial extension x , which substantially corresponds to the axial length of the inner joint part 12, is greater than the circumferential extension y of the cage window 18 in the ball cage according to Figure 2. Webs positioned opposite one another, together, from a greatest outer diameter d_2 of the inner joint part. Inner ball grooves 16₁, 16₂ positioned opposite one another, by means of their delimiting edges, define the smallest side projection with an outer diameter d_5 . The webs form part of an outer surface 28 of which partial regions come into stop contact with the inner face 23 of the ball cage 17, which stop contact delimits the axial path, or into a ~~centring~~ centering guiding contact therewith.